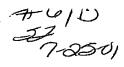
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT C							
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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.							
In the Claims							
Cancel claims 1-22, 42-44, and the claim incorrectly number 87 without							
prejudice.							
Add new claims 45-88 as follows.							
46 45. A method for reducing or eliminating the susceptibility of a							
tropoelastin to proteolysis comprising mutating a sub-sequence in the tropoelastin so							
that the susceptibility of the tropoelastin to proteolysis is reduced or eliminated.							
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46. A method according to claim 45 wherein one sub-sequence is							
mutated.							
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